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Entered at the postoffice at Weston, Oregon as second-class mail matter.

With four of its nine justices dissenting, the United States Supreme court lately rendered a decision that would seem to a layman to be almost revolutionary. It is virtually to the effect that the landlord cannot eject his tenant at the termination of a lease. This decree has all the earmarks of socialistic confiscation of private property. If a tenant may possess the house or land which he occupies forever if he chooses, ownership has no significance, since the man in whom title is vested cannot do what he pleases with his own. When the effect of the decision is seen in Umatilla county, land leasing here may not be so common. Incidentally, it would appear that a leasing contract at least becomes a mere "scrap of paper," which is contrary to all legal and moral precedent.

The pastors' union of New Haven, Conn., is back of a campaign for fewer churches. One of them says what is slangily known as a mouthful, as follows: "One of the glaring wrongs of present day church life and methods is the multiplicity of churches. Every little group of people must have their own church around the corner, burden themselves with unnecessary expense and worry a min-

ister with inadequate pay and petty strife. That is one of the sins of the Protestant church of our times."

"Because the banks refuse the farmer credit he is compelled to place his crop on the market so soon as it is harvested, and naturally he gets the lowest price of the year," says the Washington (D. C.) Labor. Just that is precisely what didn't happen here in the grain belt. If the banks had forced the farmer to sell so soon as his crop was harvested he would have gotten the highest price of the year, and we would all be "sitting on the world."

Here's hoping that England, the United States and Japan will some day learn sufficient wisdom to scrap their own navies, instead of preparing to scrap each other's.

It is said the attorneys for Mrs. James A. Stillman of New York will move for a public trial. The Stillman divorce case, however, is already a public trial.

Undoubtedly we would all have a more sympathetic interest in the British coal miners' point of view, irrational as it may seem, if we were British coal miners.

Oregon is discredited with more divorces—two to every five marriages—than any other state in the union except Nevada; and its grass widows aren't even edible.

The railroads are reported to be wasting one billion dollars a year by a labor expert—but not, so far as can be noticed, on advertising in the country papers.

A striking chart published by the Literary Digest shows that the civil war had just about the same effect on prices as the world war. Prices went up and went down at just about the same relative time and in

just about the same ratio. One occasion for regret is that in neither instance was the profiteer impaled on the peak.

Henry W. Albers is to be tried again, which is the best way out of the muddle for all concerned except, perhaps, the loose-tongued German miller.

The corrupt practices act having been declared unconstitutional, the "free-handed" candidate may run for an office without running from an officer.

A vast number of shippers complain of high rates, but are not conspicuously in the market for railroad stocks, even at present bargain figures.

We'll credit the report that Russia is shipping \$15,000,000 in gold bars to the United States when the bars are laid upon our office table.

In view of some of its decisions, we shudder over what might happen to the United States, Supreme court were it a baseball umpire.

"What Peace Has Done for Europe," is the subject of a Hoover article. It does look as though Europe is pretty well done for.

As though they didn't have enough to do, it begins to look as though the Allies would presently have some Poles to trim.

Evidently the Allies now mean business; and likewise evidently Germany regards the ultimatum as mean business.

You've guessed it. The only dissenting vote on the emergency immigration bill was cast by Senator Reid of Missouri.

Complaint is made that while on his honeymoon Sam Gompers put up

at an open shop hotel, was fed by non-union help and slept in a bed made by a non-union chambermaid. If it can now be proved that he didn't wear a union suit, the indictment will be complete.

That new tariff wall is apt to speedily convince our allies that their only obligation to us is a money obligation.

Although France is now ready to go out collecting, that bad Bill in Holland will likely have to be outlawed.

Prehistoric Peru is said to have originated the shimmy dance, which does seem to suggest a bit of Aztecism.

Pardon us if we suggest that at times the concert of nations seems to be a bit disconcerting.

One difference is that in a city the average man is a unit, in the small town he is an individual.

Only one Knox is responsible for that resolution, but it is getting a good many.

EX-SENATOR G. W. PROEBSTEL PASSES, AFTER LONG ILLNESS

George Washington Proebstel, former state senator from Umatilla county, was called by death Wednesday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock at his old home in Weston, after a long illness.

Ex-Senator Proebstel was born in Clay county, Missouri, March 16, 1842. Ten years later he crossed the plains with his parents, locating at Fort Vancouver, Clark county, Washington. When a mere boy he saw active service with the Washington Rifles in the Indian war of 1855-1856. He was united in marriage to Miss Mary A. Danfloeffer in Vancouver in 1865, after mining for several years in Idaho.

Mr. and Mrs. Proebstel moved to Weston in 1878. A man of energy and ability, Mr. Proebstel early became identified with the business and educational life of the Weston community. He at first engaged in milling as a member of the firm of Proebstel Bros., and afterward conducted one of the leading hardware and implement establishments in Umatilla county.

Ever mindful of his obligations as a citizen, Mr. Proebstel did not confine his attention to business solely, but took an active and influential part in community affairs. He served at different times as councilman, mayor, director of public schools, regent of the Eastern Oregon Normal School and member of the state senate. His term as state senator extended from 1898 to 1902, and gave him state-wide prominence as an influential legislator. He was chiefly known as the father of the anti-slot machine law.

Mr. and Mrs. Proebstel were the parents of ten children, eight of whom survive. They are: Geo. W. Proebstel Jr., of Weston; Mrs. Lillian P. Fredericks, of Weston; Louis C. Proebstel of Pappas, Wyoming; Charles H. Proebstel and Mrs. L. A. Hughes, of Santa Fe, New Mexico; Miss Margaret Proebstel of Venice, California; Albert J. Proebstel of Portland, and Mrs. C. C. Whiteman of Pendleton.

Mrs. Proebstel died at her home in Weston April 15, 1902. Mr. Proebstel's widow by a second marriage—formerly Miss Amanda J. Smith—survives him, as do also one brother and two sisters.

The departed pioneer was a member of the Episcopal Church, the Masonic fraternity and the A. O. U. W. He will be remembered by a large circle of friends as a man who lived a life of usefulness, industry and honor, and who had a high regard for the responsibilities of citizenship. He retired from active business in 1913 and moved to Portland, since which time he had been in failing health. A few months ago he came back to this part of the state, and spent his time alternately at Hot Lake and Weston.

Funeral services will be conducted at the residence Saturday at 10 a. m. by Rev. Alfred Lockwood of Pendleton. Burial will be in Masonic cemetery at Weston under auspices of that order.

Surprised the Surgeons.

A gall stone weighing more than three-quarters of an ounce was removed Friday from Mrs. W. E. Driskell of Weston in a critical operation performed at College Place sanatorium by Dr. J. W. Ingram of Walla Walla, assisted by Dr. C. H. Smith of Athena and Dr. Campbell. The surgeons are said to have been amazed at the size of the stone, remarking that it was the largest they had ever encountered. Much to the relief of her family and friends, Mrs. Driskell passed the crisis safely and continues to improve.

Miss Velma Crawford of Milton and Mrs. H. J. Driskell and children of Dayton have been visiting at the W. L. Smock farm on Reed and Hawley mountain.

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